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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Balaram Sinharoy

Before the Examiner:

Li, Aimee J.

Serial No.: 09/548,469

Group Art Unit: 2183

Filing Date: April 13, 2000

IBM Corporation

Title: USE OF SOFTWARE HINT FOR

Intellectual Property Law Dept.

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 **Technology Center 2100**

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified patent application, Applicants transmit herewith the following: (1) Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111; (2) Petition for One-Month Extension; (3) Check in the amount of \$110.00 (Petition Fee); and (4) Acknowledgment postcard.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.8

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 11, 2003.

Signature

Toni Stanley

(Printed name of person certifying)

AT9-99-129 PATENT

EXTENSION OF TERM

(a) Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136 (fees: 37 CFR 1.17(a)-(d)) for the total number of months checked below:

	Extension (months)	Fee for other than small entity	Fee for small entity
Ø	one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
	two months	\$ 410.00	\$205.00
	three months	\$ 930.00	\$465.00
0	four months	\$1,450.00	\$725.00
	Fee	\$ <u>110.00</u>	

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(check and complete the next item, if applicable)

(b)	An extension for months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor o \$ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.				
	Extension fee due with this request \$ or				
	Applicants believe that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicants have inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.				

FEE FOR CLAIMS

The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. §1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

			CLAIMS AS AM	ENDED			
	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER		HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY	PRESENT	DATE	4.50	
	AMENDMENT		PAID FOR	EXTRA	RATE	ADI	DITIONAL FEE
Total Claims:	16	-	40	0	x \$18 =	\$	- 00.00 -
Independent							
Claims:	5	-	3	00	x \$84 =	\$	- 00.00 -

TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT = \$ -00.00 -

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FEE PAYMENT

- Attached is a check in the sum of \$110.00 to pay for the one-month extension fee.
- Charge Deposit Account No. <u>09-0447</u> the sum of \$ <u>0</u> for an one-month extension.

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FEE DEFICIENCY

If the check is missing, or if the claim fee and/or extension fee has been calculated incorrectly, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee necessitated by the filing of the enclosed Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <u>09-0447 (AT9-99-129)</u>. A photocopy of this transmittal is attached.

By:

Respectfully submitted,

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